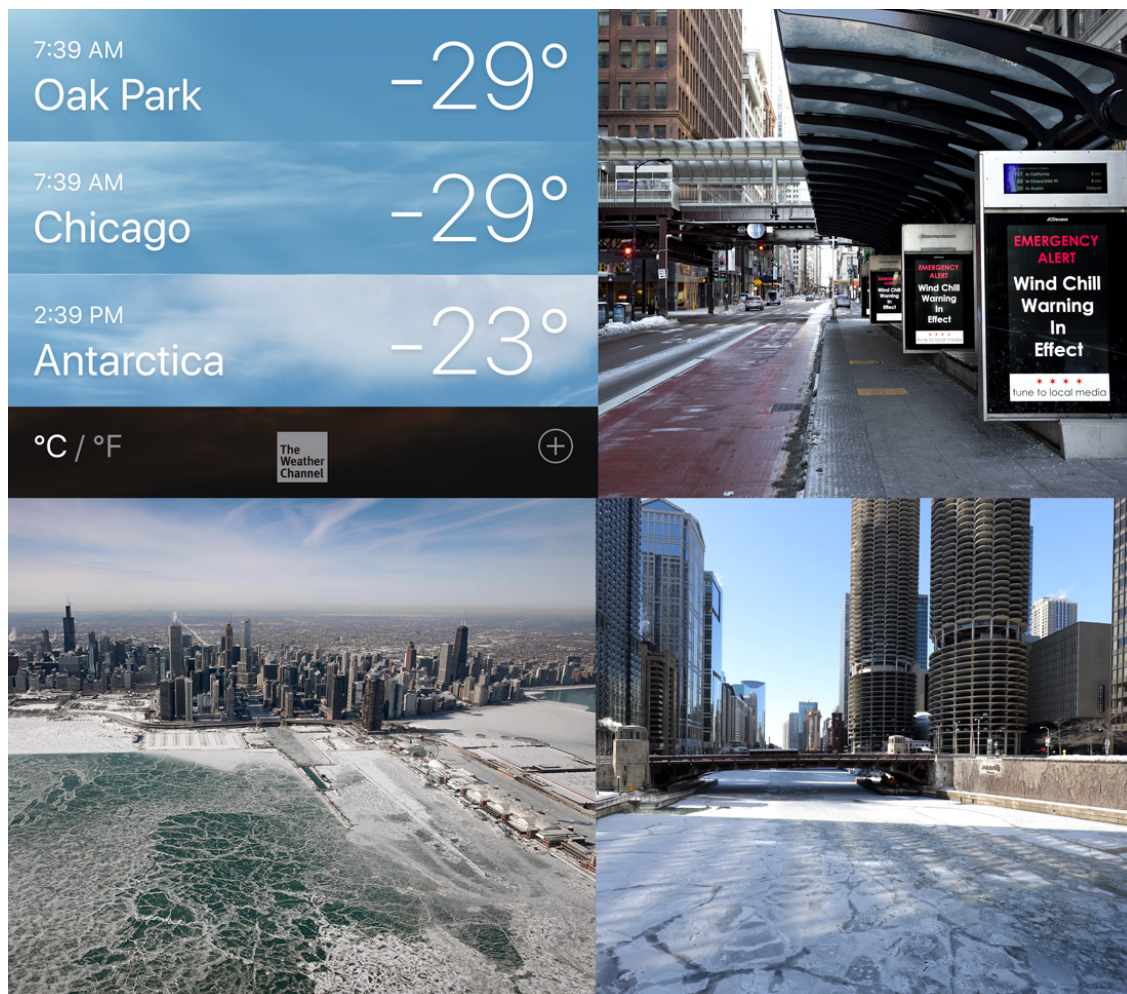


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Newsletter #102:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

I said last week that it was cold. Well, now we are experiencing Arctic conditions. The temperature with windchill went as low as -45 degree Fahrenheit. Take this Antartica! Above is a little idea of how severe the weather was in Chicago the last couple of days. And here's some video proof of my son Jakob making instant snow by throwing hot water in the air: <https://vimeo.com/314931740>

It is a bit quiet this week for ancient coin auctions. There are some auction houses that I am not as familiar with that have some sparse availability of ancients but otherwise we have a breather this week.

New inventory for Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

I have a substantial quantity of new inventory that I have been receiving over the past few months. With the trade shows in San Francisco and New York I didn't photograph most of these pieces so now I am starting to list everything. The coins are going up first on vcoins since it is my primary tool to reach customers. Everything will soon follow on my website. If you want to see the latest material from me then go to this link:

https://www.vcoins.com/en/stores/shanna_schmidt_numismatics_inc-245/ancient-coins/Default.aspx?#!/Home

Please remember to contact me if you are interested in a piece. I still have more to add so you might want to follow my store if you want to see the latest material as I put it up. There still is much more to be added.

CNG E-Auction 437 (closes Feb 6)

CNG has 709 coins in their upcoming e-sale. There is a pretty substantial group of Russian coins this time around. I also noticed the remnants of the 1887 Somerset Hoard (IRBCH 1424). This was offered initially in one of their mail bid sales and the coins are gorgeous. Many of them have rainbow toning. The prices are very reasonable because they are late Roman but what a wonderful opportunity to own a pedigreed piece with a nice history. At the end of the auction there is a decent selection of group lots. For those that don't mind to buy as is with no returns it is a sweet deal. I've found some diamonds in the rough with group lots over the years. Plus they are a lot of fun for using in educational settings.

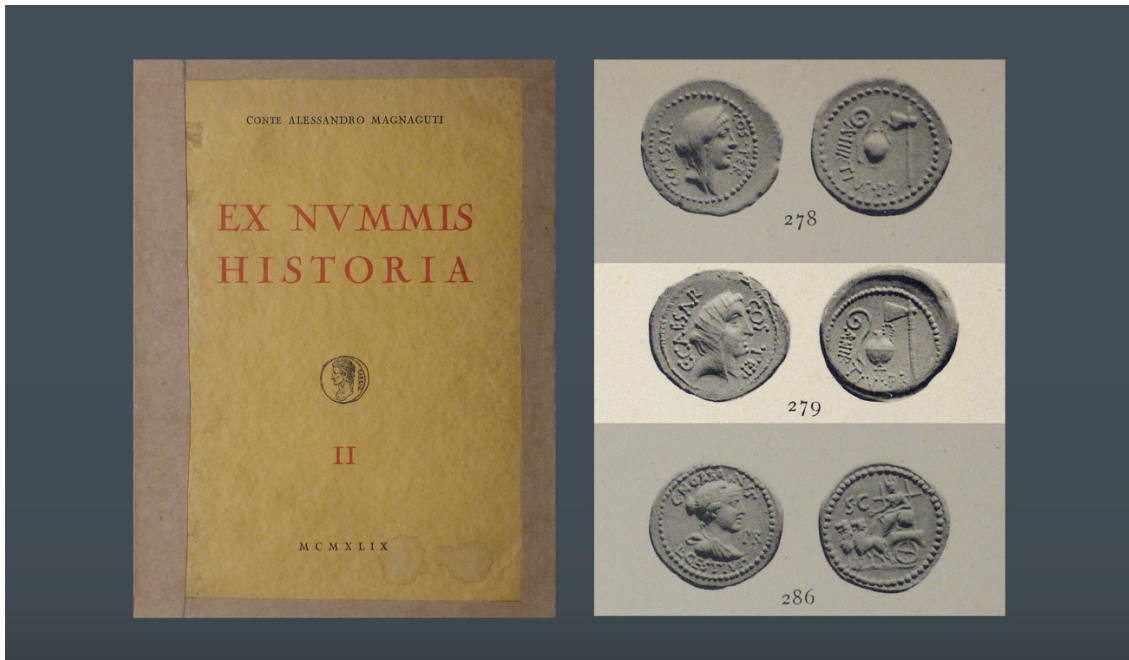
Roma E-Sale 53 (closes Feb 7)

Roma has a whopping 1,247 coins on offer in their upcoming e-sale 53. The largest section is Roman Imperial at 303 pieces. They also have a quite substantial group lot section of 122 assortments. One can always find fine quality pieces in the Roma e-sales. Pedigrees are starting to become a little more visible in their sales as well. This is a nice additional plus. There were a few obscure pieces that I noticed when going through the sale (I won't mention which ones because I don't want to spoil a good deal for anyone!). I'll likely be participating in this auction and my terms are good for this sale so please get in touch if you need my help.

Upcoming European Trade Show - Numismata in Munich (March 2-3)

Normally this time of year I would be headed out to Munich for the annual Numismata coin fair. I really enjoy to attend this bourse as there are a lot of great European dealers and so much fantastic material to be found. Unfortunately this year due to a personal obligation I can't attend but that doesn't mean you shouldn't! The information on the show is here:

<https://www.eventseye.com/fairs/f-numismata-munchen-2014-1.html>





Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-republic/roman-republic-the-caesareans-julius-caesar-rome-early-46-bc?rq=>

ROMAN REPUBLIC. The Caesareans. Julius Caesar. Rome, Early 46 BC

AV Aureus, 7.94g (21mm, 8h). A. Hirtius, praetor. Veiled female head (Vesta or Pietas?) right; C · CAESAR COS TER around / Emblems of the augurate and pontificate: lituus, guttus, and securis; A HIRTIVS · PR around from lower left.

Pedigree: Ex August Vouirol Collection (Münzen und Medaillen AG 38, 6 December 1968), lot 261; Conte Alessandro Magnaguti Collection (Part II, Santamaria, 12 October 1949), lot 279

Price: \$24,000

This coin was struck a few years prior to Caesar's brutal murder by his fellow senators. Before Caesar died his portrait did not grace coinage. It must have been considered vain and tyrannical to put one's face on coinage. The early Republic through Caesar were anonymous aside from some symbolic link between the moneyer and the coin and of course a legend that alluded to who had backed the issue.

Aulus Hirtius was no minor figure in the imperial period. He was a consul and also wrote heavily on military issues. Later he took the position of legate (commander of a legion) and was present among the heavy hitters during Caesar's famous crossing of the Rubicon. He was reported to have dined with he and several other important members of Caesar's force just subsequent to the historic event. He was also very close friends with Cicero and his correspondence with him was said to cover 9 volumes, none of which has survived. Hirtius became governor of Transalpine Gaul in 45 BC. He and his fellow senator Pansa supported the senatorial move against Mark Antony (although he was first aligned with him) after Caesar's death. Pansa and Hirtius traveled to Mutina to wage a battle with Antony, who was at the time besieging Brutus, the main man accused of Caesar's murder. While they defeated Antony, unfortunately both Pansa and Hirtius died in battle.

This coin has been a part of two renowned collections: August Vouirol and Conte Alessandro Magnaguti.

References: Crawford 466/1; Molinari 240 (D26/R227–this coin); CRI 56; Calicó 37b; Sydenham 1018; BMCRR Rome 4052; RBW 1634

Grade: Nice large flan with pretty reddish toning. EF

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<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-republic/roman-republic-the-caesareans-julius-caesar-rome-early-46-bc?rq=>

If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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